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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 3, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5970.02/NAN, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Remarks/Linguments begin on page 9 of this paper.